



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joseph R. BYRUM

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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

**Response to Office Action mailed March 6, 2006**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006, ("Office Action")  
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.